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SUBJ: SAHARA WATCH: MAURITANIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 0566

AS REPORTED REFTEL MAURITANIAN MINISTER OF FINANCE MOUALAYE MOHAMED VISITED NIGER MARCH 9-12 AND SAW PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE MARCH 11.

AT PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER PRESIDENTIAL MEETING,

MOUALAYE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1) HE HAD BROUGHT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE

CONCERNING REUCIFICATION OF MAURITANIA AND HAD DISCUSSED

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DIMENSIONS OF PROBLEM WITH PRESIDENT.

- 2) FOR SOME TIME SO CALLED POLISARO MOVEMENT WHICH HAS CREATED SO CALLED SAHARAN REPUBLIC HAS BEEN ACCUSING MAURITANIA OF ANNEXATION TENDENCIES. MAURITANIA HAS NO POLICY OF ANNEXING TERRITORIES.
- 3) WESTERN SAHARA IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF MAURITANIA WHICH HAS HELD TO THIS POSITION SINCE 1957.
- 4) MAURITANIA HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND HAS VOTED FOR RELEVANT UN RESOLYZIONS.
- 5) IF THERE IS HONEST TEST OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN WESTERN SAHARA ITS PEOPLE COULD ONLY OPT FOR INTEGRATION WITH MOTHER COUNTRY I.E. MAURITANIA.

COMMENT: NO REFERENCE TO MOROCCO IN MINISTER'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS. END COMMENT HECK

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